

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically delivered February 9, 2007. No claims have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Specification Objection

Page 5 of the specification is objected to because it is asserted that the section heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" should be changed to "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION". In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended Page 5 of the specification as suggested in the Office Action. However, Applicant submits that the Detailed Description section merely describes particular embodiments, and the amendment of the title to this section should in no way be considered a restriction or limitation on the full scope of the invention claimed in the Application

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0122547 A1 by Hinchey et al. ("*Hinchey*"). Applicant respectfully traverses and submits that *Hinchey* fails to teach, expressly or inherently, each and every element of the claims. Consider independent Claim 1, which recites:

A method for telephony call management comprising:
maintaining dial plan data comprising a plurality of route pattern definitions, each route pattern definition comprising one or more sub-strings each having an associated tag;
maintaining configured routing data comprising a configured route pattern including an expansion indicator;
accessing the configured routing data to read the configured route pattern;
identifying the expansion indicator in the configured route pattern;
accessing the dial plan data responsive to identifying the expansion indicator; and
while accessing the dial plan data, for each of the route pattern definitions in the dial plan data:
generating a route pattern based on the one or more sub-strings for the route pattern definition; and
entering the generated route pattern into a live dial database for use in routing calls placed by users.

Among other aspects, Hinchey fails to disclose: “maintaining configured routing data comprising a configured route pattern including an expansion indicator”, “identifying the expansion indicator in the configured route pattern”, and “accessing the dial plan data responsive to identifying the expansion indicator”. The Office Action asserts that pg. 5, paragraph [0054] of *Hinchey* discloses “maintaining configured routing data comprising a configured route pattern including an expansion indicator,” but this assertion is incorrect. Pg. 5, paragraph [0054] of *Hinchey* describes a network translations subsystem 300 having subcomponents 308, 312, 316, 320, 324, and 332 which implement a translations analysis and route selection logic, and a route database 326. However, Applicant respectfully submits that *Hinchey* contains no teaching or suggestion of “a configured route pattern including and expansion indicator” as found in Independent Claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Independent Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable over *Hinchey*.

Independent Claims 7, 13, 19, and 20 are allowable for analogous reasons as those discussed with respect to Independent Claim 1, as are the claims depending therefrom. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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